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2011 National Catholic Schools Week brings open houses and events

The week of Jan. 30 kicks off the start of National Catholic Schools Week. The Catholic schools from the Diocese of Des Moines are celebrating the week with a variety of activities. Open houses will be held at nearly all of the Catholic schools on Sunday, Jan. 30.

The open houses allow families to tour schools, meet the teachers, administrators and staff, and learn more about Catholic schools. Below is a listing of the Catholic schools that will be holding open houses.

Holy Trinity (Des Moines): Sunday, Jan. 30, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

Sacred Heart (West Des Moines): Sunday, Jan. 30, 10:30 am – 1:00 pm

St. Anthony (Des Moines): Sunday, January 30, 11:00 am – 1:30 pm

St. Augustin (Des Moines): Sunday, Jan. 30, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

St. Francis of Assisi (West Des Moines): Sunday, Jan. 30, 12:15 pm – 2:00 pm

St. Joseph (Des Moines): Sunday, Jan. 30, 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

St. Pius X (Urbandale): Sunday, Jan. 30, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

St. Theresa (Des Moines): Sunday, Jan. 30, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm

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Assumption School (Granger): Sunday, Jan. 30, 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

St. Malachy (Creston): Sunday, Jan. 30, 10:00 am

Shelby County Catholic School (Harlan): Sunday, Jan. 30, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

St. Albert Schools (Council Bluffs): Sunday, Jan. 30, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Other activities that will be held during the week include charity drives to help those in need, parent/grandparent luncheons, reading programs, theme days, talent shows, entertainment, and more.

The Diocese of Des Moines Catholic schools are known for providing quality education in a faith-based environment. Students learn about God and how to live out their faith by serving others all while receiving top academic training in a safe, nurturing environment.

“Sending our two boys to Catholic school is giving them a Christian education that is actually lived out throughout the school day,” said parent Anne Posegate.

"What I value most about my Catholic education is that we can really learn how to be good people. The lessons will carry out through all my life," said St. Augustin sixth grader Madi Andersen.

The high school graduation rate for 2009-2010 graduates was 100 percent and an average of 97 percent of the 2010 graduates attended post-secondary education. ITBS, ITED and ACT test scores are consistently higher in all areas than the state and nation.

To learn more about the Diocese of Des Moines Catholic schools, visit <http://dmdiocese.org/catholic-schools.cfm>.

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*The Diocese of Des Moines Catholic schools serve more than 6,400 students through its 17 schools.
For more information, go to www.dmdiocese.org and click on “Catholic Schools”.*